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EASTERN NEWS.

[BY TELEGRAPH TO THE OREGONIAN.]

Money Recovered.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—In the action of the City Item Pool proprietor of the *Daily Acme* for $1 000 alleged to have been paid on defendants vouchers for advertising the Common Council proceedings and which advertisements, the complaint states were not published, the city got a verdict for $7 000, pending interest.

Religious Troubles in Rhode Island

PROVIDENCE, R. I., Dec. 24.—A mass meeting, of the members of the Roman Catholic Parish of St Mary's at Newport, was held yesterday to give ex pression to opinion as to the recent burial scandals A report of the New York *Herald* was called for, reading for his reports A series of resolutions were adopted, referring to the affair as a case of gross misrepresentation, and expressing confidence in the pastor and repelling the calumny which charges him with priestly intolerance

Fire.

CHICAGO, Dec. 24.—A fire at Red Oak Iowa yesterday, destroyed 11 buildings Loss, $65 000 partly insured

CENTRAL R. I., Dec 24.—White Springs farm buildings, and mansion owned by Jas O Sheldon were totally burned last night. Loss $30 000 insurance $15,000.

NEWARK, Dec. 24.—The Grand Trunk railway depot at Milwaukie Junction and the Exchange hotel at Goshen burned this morning Loss $10,000, partly insured

Alleged Embezzling Official Arrested.

CHICAGO, Dec. 24.—Sheriff Anderson arrived last night from San Francisco with A Woodward in charge, and lodged him in jail He some two years ago left Treasury and absconded, leaving a deficit of about $160,000 He intimates that others were implicated, and that he will make a clean breast when the proper time comes as he has to the only one who has suffered

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The Daily Oregonian.

SATURDAY MORNING, DEC 25 1875

CHRISTMAS

Merry Christmas

Having written that ever appropriate salutation we paused to consider what else the emergency demanded The first thing that suggested itself was of course, a magnificent and very entertaining paragraph of the congratulatory sort, with the centennial spirit of cisatlanticus for inspiration and the centennial fact of *Civitas Americana* for the grand central idea But that apparently happy thought, it was discovered on further reflection must be given up as altogether too American, or else a philosophical dissertation upon the connection between the birth of Christ and the Declaration of Independence must be sent along as convoy for the brilliant paragraph That would not do But the suggestion of such a dissertation opened up another theme and we began to write in this wise "Christmas, or *Christ mass* dear reader, is the most solemn as well as the most joyous festival of the year because, while the day we celebrate with so much jollity and hearty good cheer is the anniversary of the birth of our Saviour the thought of that event can never be separated from the scene of Calvary and his dying agony Indeed it is this last great fact which gives his birthday all its importance in the history of the world" But here we were stopped short by the recollection that eminent scholars in the department of sacred history are not agreed as to the day on which the Saviour was born and that the preponderance of evidence appears to be that it was *not* the 25th of December Christmas, then, is merely an arbitrary and conventional matter at best, and there is little occasion for the high moral reflection we were interjecting into the merriment of the day We retired at once from the wet blanket business The next project was to give a sketch of the Christmas festivities of the olden time but that subject had been written to death by everybody and read to satiety by everybody else Clearly, the plan must be abandoned What was left? Nothing in the world, and we had just laid down the pen in despair, when the poet laureate of the OREGONIAN entered and announced that he had evolved an original poem for the occasion and begged that we would make it a prominent feature in this morning's edition On reading it over—or so much of it as the dismal chirography of the poet laureate would allow—we confess to a painfully distinct impression that, besides terminating rather more abruptly than is altogether agreeable, the poem, or certain parts of it, at least, is liable to the criticism which has been bestowed upon Mr. Charles Reade's story of "The Wandering Heir" and a good many of Mark Twain's jokes That it sounds very familiar considering it is strictly original For want of something else, however, we give it to our readers, hoping it may sound sufficiently *fresh*, if not entirely new

'Twas the morning of Christmas, and all through the house
Not a soul from Papa to the wee little mouse
O a baby, in slippers and tiny pink blouse
But was up and a-tiptoe determined to chouse
Dull care out of time for a Christmas carouse.

The stockings that hung in the chimney all night
Now swelled with the presents that jolly old wight,
With a dozen of aliases almost if not quite,
Had brought in his sleigh, drawn by reindeer white,
To tickle the palate and ravish the sight
Of the little ones, who in the rage of delight
But the house in an uproar enough to affright
The spirit of sadness, or any dull sprite
Into paisy of fear, or precipitate flight.

There were candles and cookies and pictures and toys
And nice stories for nice little boys
And dolls—which a little girl always enjoys—
And dozens of things which Kris Kringle employs
To please little folks and get up a big noise

There was something for Mamma and Papa and Aunt
And something for Uncle—just what he would want
As I something for all of the rest—but I can't
In with this poem my muse takes a jaunt
Mr thanksgiving turkey Dear reader—avaunt!

The recent fearful gas explosion in Boston which destroyed so many lives seems to have been an accident for which no one is to blame As yet not much positive information as to the cause of the casualty has reached us, but we may surmise from what we have learned what the cause of the explosion may have been It appears that there was a leak in a main pipe, and that the gas escaping was in some way ignited causing the explosion The main was covered with earth, but what the thickness of the covering was is not stated It seemed at first difficult to understand how the gas could find its way through the earth or how after doing so, it could when ignited set the surface of the ground, carry the flame down to the main, which exploded But if we remember that it has been very cold in the least,—that the ground was frozen, and that earth in freezing, specially when it is loose and saturated with water often cracks open to a considerable depth, we may easily discover how the accident might have occurred Of course, there must have been a leak in the main or no gas could have escaped Now suppose that during the late cold snap the superincumbent earth had frozen and a crack had opened directly over and reaching down to the leak, this would make a direct and unobstructed channel for the stream of gas Then if it should be true that some one passing along the street had happened to drop a lighted match or a bit of burning paper or had trodden upon and ignited a match close by the crack through which gas was pouring it is easy to see how the accident would happen This is the second time Boston has been the scene of an unaccountable explosion The first one was some time ago when a drug store blew up It is said that the force which proved so destructive in that instance is the same as that generated in the Keely motor That leaves us not much wiser than we were before as Mr Keely has not yet told us how that force is created or any thing more about it than that it is the result of a secret method of treating water

THE N Y *Herald* advises Mr Beecher to retire from the pulpit It reminds him that in one of his letters to Mr Moulton he told Mr Moulton he was willing to step down and out if it would satisfy him *The Herald* then proceeded to say

The men who prosecuted Mr Beecher for the crime of adultery are not disposed to accept the verdict of the Brooklyn jury They entered into this work for the purpose of destroying Mr Beecher, not only as a minister of the gospel but as a man We think that Mr Beecher's true course at this crisis will be to retire from the pulpit He is talking now in open war He is one against ten Odds and The ten thousand who are fighting him would have cut a little deeper if we remember and recognize many of its leaders on the jury Apart from any evidence given on Mr Beecher's side, it will be a doubt shared by a large portion of the community many of the men who oppose him do so with the instinct of self preservation Mr Tilton has so managed his controversy that anybody who took part in it would come to sure destruction The only way for Mr Moulton and those who took sides with him in the trial to remove from their names the stain is to destroy Mr Beecher by another trial or by fanning public opinion to such an extent that he will stand condemned without a trial

Now without expressing any opinion as to Mr Beecher's guilt or innocence we think that it is time to drop the whole subject of the scandal and Mr Beecher with it He has been tried and all the efforts of the most eminent lawyers have been unable to persuade the jury to convict him of any crime His congregation seem to retain their confidence in him and he may be able to do work among them as good as any he ever did At any rate it is for them to suggest the propriety of his resigning and as long as they are satisfied Mr Beecher may think it nobody else's business what he is, and that seems to be what he does think

The Egyptians feeling aggrieved by certain acts of the Abyssinians sent forth an army of armed men to inflict upon them condign punishment But instead of accomplishing this purpose the army was led into an ambuscade and literally destroyed The reports state that one man only escaped The Abyssinians not only killed the Egyptians but horribly mutilated their bodies Many were decapitated and the flesh of others was thrown to the beasts of the fields In front of the tents of the Abyssinians the heads of the Egyptians were displayed stuck on the ends of poles planted in the ground When the news reached Cairo a very much larger force was sent to the scene of the disaster under the command of American officers to avenge the slain Egyptians Stirring news may be expected soon from there The officers commanding the Egyptian forces will do well enough but the men are far from reliable and it is not impossible that the Abyssinians may prove too much for them

The telegrams inform us that Tweed has arranged a settlement of the city claims against him The death of Mr O'Connor seems to have prevented the carrying out of this arrangement and in order to put himself in such a position as would enable him to force the city to a settlement Tweed vanished It will not be long we suspect before he is back again a free and wealthy man

GEORGE ALFRED TOWNSEND

This eminent Bohemian is in Washington for the winter When I call George a Bohemian I don't mean it in a slighting sense by any manner of means, but he is the most genuine Bohemian in the upper circles of the American press extant

Next month will be Townsend's birthday He will in December be thirty five years old He began at nineteen and at twenty eight was as famous as he is to day Townsend is by nature the most brilliant writer in America He is not funny, but there is a marvelous novelty, a healthy vigor and a photographic faculty attached to his pen that make him unparalleled in his way He has never trained himself and has not been a student of art, however Indeed he hasn't been much of a student at all and nature without art doesn't pan out as healthy as it might be supposed to do He is not only a wonderfully able prose writer but a poet of great merit The muse seems to have spread herself in George Alfred and in the list of his poems there are gems of the rarest beauty His brain seems to be a wealthy mine out of which he can dig, with little trouble, things prosaic and poetical, beautiful and the reverse pure and impure With all his practicability he is a sentimental man and in his portly 200 pounds avoirdupois of adipose there is a vast deal of romance intermingled with good eating He is I reckon more of a boy than a man a gifted boy whose heart isn't grown old yet, and whose passions or prejudices join in to influence his mind But Townsend has lived too busy a life He has grasped at too much and succeeding years and maturer age will alone perhaps accord him by their results the reputation his genius merits He is gruff absent minded and would be rude if one gave him half a chance He is an unpopular man, but perhaps his very ability has had much to do with that as there is no profession under the sun with such a show of little minded jealousy as journalism —*Cor Pittsburgh Leader*

CHRISTMAS.

On Christmas Eve the bells were rung
On Christmas Eve the mass was sung
That only night in all the year
Saw the sted priest, the chalice rear
Then opened wide the baron's hall
To vassal tenant serf and all
Power laid his rod of rule aside
And ceremony doffed his pride
The hall with roses in his shoes
That night might village partner choose
All hailed with uncontroll'd delight,
And general voice the happy night
That to the cottage as the crown
Brought tidings of salvation down
England was merry England when
Old Christmas brought his sports again
'Twas Christmas broached the mightiest ale
'Twas Christmas told the merriest tale
A Christmas gambol oft would cheer
A poor man's heart through half the year

MARRIED:

In Salem Dec 23 Frank T Graves and Miss F M Hinson
In Marion county Dec 19 James M Douthit and Miss Emma Jacobs
In Gopher Valley Yamhill county Dec 18 Jasper Agee and Miss Emily Small
In Washington county Dec 15 Junn Wythe Semble and Miss Analena Williams

DIED:

Near Corvallis Dec 22 Frank Halstead aged 21 years
In Brownsville Dec 21 William McHargue a pioneer

NEW TO-DAY.

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AT THE
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MONDAY EVENING, DECEMBER 27,
At 7½ o'clock by
LOUIS F. HENDERSON, ESQ.,
Late of Ithaca New York

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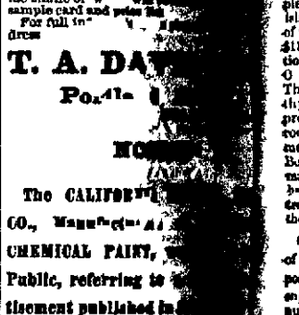
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The Daily Oregonian.

SATURDAY MORNING DEC — 1875

CHRISTMAS

Merry Christmas

Having written that ever appropriate salutation we paused to consider what else the emergency demanded The first thing that suggested itself was of course a magnificent and very entertaining paragraph of the congratulatory sort, with the centennial spirit of *cum Americanus* for inspiration and the centennial fact of *cum Americana* for the grand central idea But that apparently happy thought was discovered on further reflection must be given up as altogether too American or else a philosophical dissertation upon the connection between the birth of Christ and the Declaration of Independence must be sent along as convoy for the brilliant paragraph That would not do But the suggestion of such a dissertation opened up another theme and we began to write in this wise "Christmas, or *Christ mass* dear reader, is the most solemn as well as the most joyous festival of the year because, while the day we celebrate with so much jollity and hearty good cheer is the anniversary of the birth of our Saviour the thought of that event can never be separated from the scene of Calvary and his dying agony Indeed it is this last great fact which gives his birthday all its importance in the history of the world" But here we were stopped short by the recollection that eminent scholars in the department of sacred history are not agreed as to the day on which the Saviour was born and that the preponderance of evidence appears to be that it was *not* the 25th of December Christmas, then, is merely an arbitrary and conventional matter at best, and there is little occasion for the high moral reflection we were interjecting into the merriment of the day We retired at once from the wet blanket business The next project was to give a sketch of the Christmas festivities of the olden time but that subject had been written to death by everybody and read to satiety by everybody else Clearly the plan must be abandoned What was left? Nothing in the world and we had just laid down the pen in despair when the poet laureate of the OREGONIAN entered and announced that he had evolved an original poem for the occasion and begged that we would make it a prominent feature in this morning's edition On reading it over—or so much of it as the dismal chirography of the poet laureate would allow—we confess to a painfully distinct impression that, Besides terminating rather more abruptly than is altogether agreeable, the poem, or certain parts of it, at least, is liable to the criticism which has been bestowed upon Mr Charles Reade's story of "The Wandering Heir" and a good many of Mark Twain's jokes That it sounds very familiar considering it is strictly original, For want of something else, however we give it to our readers, hoping it may sound sufficiently *fresh* if not entirely new

'Twas the morning of Christmas and all through the house
Not a soul from Papa to the wee little mouse
O a baby in slippers and tiny pink blouse
Bit was up and a-dipton, determined to chouse
Dull care out of time for a Christmas carouse

The stockings that hung in the chimney all night
Now swelled with the presents that jolly old wight
With a dozen of glasses almost if not quite
Had brought in his sleigh, drawn by reindeer white,

To tickle the palate and ravish the sight
Of the little ones, who in their rage of delight
Set the house in an uproar enough to affright
The spirit of sadness or any dull sprite
Into palsy of fear or precipitate flight.

There were candles and cookies and pictures and toys
And nice stories for nice little boys
And dolls—which a little girl always enjoys—
And dozens of things which Kris Kringle employs
To please little folks and get up a big noise

There was something for Mamma and Papa and Aunt
And something for Uncle—just what he would want
As for something for all of the rest—but I can't
Go with it in poem my muse takes a jaunt
My thoughts run to turkey Dear reader—avaunt

The recent fearful gas explosion in Boston which destroyed so many lives seems to have been an accident for which no one is to blame As yet not much positive information as to the cause of the casualty has reached us but we may surmise from what we have learned what the cause of the explosion may have been It appears that there was a leak in a main pipe, and that the gas escaping was in some way ignited causing the explosion The main was covered with earth but what the thickness of the covering was is not stated It seemed at first difficult to understand how the gas could find its way through the earth or how after doing so, it could when ignited at the surface of the ground carry the flame down to the main, which exploded But if we remember that it has been very cold in the East,—that the ground was frozen and that earth in freezing specially when it is loose and saturated with water often cracks open to a considerable depth, we may easily discover how the accident might have occurred Of course there must have been a leak in the main or no gas could have escaped Now suppose that during the late cold snap the superincumbent earth had frozen and a crack had opened briefly over or near to and down to the leak, this would make a direct and unobstructed channel for the stream of gas Then if it should be true that some one passing along the street had ignited a lucifer, a lighted match or a bit of burning paper or had trodden upon and ignited a match close by the crack through which gas was pouring it is easy to see how the accident would happen This is the second time Boston has been the scene of an unaccountable explosion The first one was some time ago when a drug store blew up It is said that the force which proved so destructive in that instance was the same as that generated in the Keely motor That leaves us not much wiser than we were before, as Mr Keely has not yet told us how that force is created or anything more about it than that it is the result of a secret method of treating water

The *New York Herald* denies Mr Beecher's statement that in one of his letters to Mr Moulton he was willing to step down and out if he would satisfy him The *Herald* thinks he does not say

The men who prosecuted Mr Beecher for criminal adultery are not disposed to accept the verdict of the Brooklyn jury They entered into this work for the purpose of discovering Mr Beecher, not only as a minister of the gospel but as a man We think that Mr Beecher may pursue this path without fear from the public He has all at once won a great moral victory He is not a man to be tried The fact that a jury of twelve men could have been found who could have read the testimony Mr Beecher gave himself Mr Beecher's friends will doubtless be shared by a large portion of the community many of the men who oppose him do so with the instinct of self preservation Mr Tilton has so managed his controversy that anybody who took part in it would come to sure destruction The only way for Mr Moulton and those who took sides with him in the trial to remove from their names the stain is to destroy Mr Beecher by another trial or by fanning public opinion to such an extent that he will stand condemned without a trial

Now without expressing any opinion as to Mr Beecher's guilt or innocence we think that it is time to drop the whole subject of the criminal trial Mr Beecher with it He has been tried and all the efforts of the most eminent lawyers have been unable to persuade the jury to convict him of any crime His congregation seem to retain their confidence in him and he may be able to do work among them as good as any he ever did At any rate it is for them to suggest the propriety of his resuming and as long as they are satisfied Mr Beecher may think it only else's business what he is, and that seems to be what he does think

The Egyptians feeling aggrieved by certain acts of the Abyssinians sent forth an army of armed men to inflict upon them condign punishment But instead of accomplishing this purpose the army was led into an ambuscade and literally destroyed The reports state that one man only escaped The Abyssinians not only killed the Egyptians but horribly mutilated their bodies Many were decapitated and the flesh of others was thrown to the beasts of the fields In front of the tents of the Abyssinians the heads of the Egyptians were displayed stuck on the ends of poles planted in the ground When the news reached Cairo a very much larger force was sent to the scene of the disaster under the command of American officers to avenge the slain Egyptians Stirring news may be expected soon from there The officers commanding the Egyptian forces will do well enough but the men are far from reliable, and it is not impossible that the Abyssinians may prove too much for them

The telegrams inform us that Tweed has arranged a settlement of the city claims against him The death of Mr O'Connor seems to have prevented the carrying out of this arrangement and in order to put himself in such a position as would enable him to force the city to a settlement Tweed vanished It will not be long we suspect before he is back again a free and wealthy man

GEORGE ALFRED TOWNSEND

This eminent Bohemian is in Washington for the winter, When I call George a Bohemian I don't mean it in a slighting sense by any manner of means but he is the most genuine Bohemian in the upper circles of the American press extant

Next month will be Townsend's birthday He will in December be thirty five years old He began at nineteen and at twenty-eight was as famous as he is to day Townsend is by nature the most brilliant writer in America He is not funny but there is a marvelous novelty, a healthy vigor and a photographic faculty attached to his pen that make him unparalleled in his way He has never trained himself and has not been a student of art however Indeed he hasn't been much of a student at all and nature without art doesn't pan out as healthy as it might be supposed to do He is not only a wonderfully able prose writer but a poet of great merit The muse seems to have spread herself in George Alfred and in the list of his poems there are gems of the rarest beauty His brain seems to be a wealthy mine out of which he can dig, with little trouble, things prosaic and poetical, beautiful and the reverse pure and impure With all his practicability he is a sentimental man and in his portly 200 pounds avoirdupois of adipose there is a vast deal of romance intermingled with good eating He is I reckon more of a boy than a man a gifted boy whose heart isn't grown old yet, and whose passions or prejudices join in to influence his mind But Townsend has lived too busy a life He has grasped at too much and succeeding years and maturer age will alone perhaps, accord him by their results the reputation his genius merits He is gruff absent minded and would be rude if one gave him half a chance He is an unpopular man, but perhaps his very ability has had much to do with that as there is no profession under the sun with such a show of little-minded jealousy as journalism —*Cor Pittsburgh Leader*

CHRISTMAS

On Christmas Eve the bells were rung
On Christmas Day the mass was sung,
That only night in all the year
Saw the stole fed priest the chalice rear
Then pealed wide the baron's hall
To vassal tenant serf and all
Power laid his rude rule aside
And ceremony doffed its pride.
The heir with roses in his shoes
That night might village partner choose
Ash bath'd with unconstrained delight,
And general love the happy night
That to the cottage as the crowned
Brought tidings of salvation down
England and merry England when
Old Christmas brought his sports again
'Twas Christmas broached the mightiest ale
'Twas Christmas told the merriest tale
A Christmas gambol oft would cheer
A poor man's heart through half the year

MARRIED:

In Salem Dec 21 Frank T Graves and Miss E M Hinson
In Marion county Dec 19 James M Douthit and Miss Emma Jacobs
In Gopher Valley Yamhill county Dec 18 Jasper Agee and Miss Emily Small
In Washington county Dec 15 John Wythe combe and Miss Anaiena Williams

DIED:

Near Corvallis Dec 22 Frank Halstead aged 21 years
In Brownsville Dec 21 William McHargue a pioneer

NEW TO-DAY.

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A HANDY FELLOW TO HAVE ROUND —Mr L Davis who resides on Fourth street, had an exciting encounter with a burglar Thursday night Mr Davis came home at a late hour and left the front door unlocked so that when he reached the house he could enter without disturbing the inmates Soon after reaching home Mr Davis retired to bed and was rapidly traveling toward the shadowy land of dreams when his attention was called to a noise in the room Raising himself up he looked about the room to discover the cause The apartment was dimly lighted, and judge of Mr Davis surprise to discern the dark form of a man who was crawling about the room on his hands and knees apparently in search of something valuable Without hesitating to consider the consequence, Mr Davis leaped out of bed and sprang on the resumbent figure Mr Burglar did not have time to rise to his feet ere the disturbed and irate proprietor of the premises had pounced down upon him Davis caught the intruder around the neck, and gave him a vigorous punch in the region of the optic Smarting from the blow and scared half to death by the sudden and wholly unexpected attack, the fellow sprang to his feet and with the energy of desperation broke away from the clutches of Davis and ran like a "quarter horse," Fortunately for the thief he had left the door open when he entered, and thus hastily effected egress from the house. It was well for him that he had observed this precaution as Davis went for his "gun" like a thousand o brick 'and had he caught him would have made things quite interesting Fear lent speed to his flying feet and although hotly pursued by Davis for some distance he contrived to distance him and got away. Davis was so eager to capture the burglar that, forgetting in his zeal the scantiness of his clothing, and the inappropriateness of appearing on the public streets in a condition closely bordering on nudity he followed the fleeing thief for more than a block Although chagrined out of his nap Mr Davis enjoys the consciousness of having spoiled the burglar's little game, besides scaring him out of a year's growth Suffice it to add that the thief got away with nothing save his 'bacon and only that by the merest scratch

CARD AND "RIGGED' —Mr I De Clark, who for more than two years past has held the responsible position of road master of the northern division of the Oregon and California and Oregon Central railroads, was superseded, and most agreeably, too, last evening by becoming the recipient of two valuable and handsome presents. These presents consisted of a cane and ring, and were purchased and presented to Mr De Clark by the foremen and carpenters employed on the road under him The cane is a most beautiful and elaborate specimen of workmanship It is of rosewood, polished to the smoothness of glass, and mounted with a gold head superbly chased and finished There are two large pieces of gold and silver bearing quartz, polished and neatly set into the precious metal of which the head is composed The cane cost $100. The head bears the following inscription: "T. De Clark, by the employees of the O C and O & C railroads, Dec 27, 1875 The ring is of pure gold set with a large amethyst stone, richly carved Mr De Clark was presented these articles last evening at his room in East Portland by a committee of foremen consisting of Messrs E P Stoker O Rosen, and T Talbert Mr De Clark has made a faithful and efficient officer and the handsome testimonials of friendship and esteem are as deserving as they were pleasing to the recipient.

GOOD THINGS.—Last evening, about the hour of 8, when the editorial, reportorial and composing force of the OREGONIAN were busily engaged in preparing to send the Christmas number of the paper out in good shape our sanctum was invaded by three gentlemen Mr J E Gill the popular bookseller in the lead, all bearing packages which were left on the table, and the bearers passed out so quickly we hardly had time to thank them But the appearance of their Christmas gift to the printers might have been estimated by seeing the way in which a great lot of luscious pumpkin pie and a jugfull of sweet cider disappeared down more than a dozen throats Such offerings are good to take, and such acts are very cheering of and will receive, the kindest remembrances all round The pies, made by Mr Gill's estimable wife were delicious and stamp the true housewife still The thanks of the consumers are respectfully tendered for so substantial Christmas gift.

HAS NOT RESIGNED —Rev J H Roork one of the trustees of the Willamette University writes us follows to the *Advocate* As there has much said in regard to President Gatch leaving the Willamette University and going to Eugene, it might be well to say that President Gatch has not been elected to any position in the State University, and hence could not have accepted such position It may be that the trustees of the State University will offer such inducements to our popular President that he may deem it his duty to himself to leave us, but I am authorized to say that the trustees of the Willamette University will have timely notice of any such change, should he think it best to make it

READINGS FROM SHAKESPEARE —Mr L Henderson, lately from the East a young man who is pronounced by those who have heard him to be a superior reader and an elocutionist of rising talent, is to come before the public at the Unitarian Chapel, on Monday evening next. During a visit to the city he has afforded a few friends an opportunity of hearing him as a parlor reader and has consented at their invitation to enlarge this circle of admirers by a public entertainment A reference to the advertisement elsewhere will assure any one of a varied and most excellent literary feast

CHURCH OF SERVICES AT ST STEPHEN'S CHAPEL.—To-morrow being Christmas day, there will be early Matin at 6 o clock, at 11 o clock, Litany, Sermon and the administration of Holy Communion, the Right Rev the Bishop being celebrant On Sunday, being St. Stephen's day, the usual services will be held with a sermon by the chaplain on the Life and Times of St Stephen On Monday and Tuesday morning prayers at 9 A M and on Tuesday evening at 8 o clock the children of the Sunday School will have their annual Tree of Christmas tide

FOREIGN LINE.—This morning the steamer *Alar* will sail hence for San Francisco, with a full freight list and the following passengers John Hemsley, J M Strowbridge Geo W. Traver, W T Shryock, J K Mercer, Rev J E Hammond, S Martin, C B Carter E M Stanford, A W Ennis John H Beekman David Gunning H Newman Frank H Perry, August Duval I Allen, Mrs A H Feller, child and two infants Inter Dueber and wife, Robt Speer Wells Fargo & Co's messenger, and 10 in the steerage

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A BRITTLE AS GLASS —This is an old saying; but Mr Frank Thomson clerk for Hodge, Calef & Co has shown that even this fragile article can be moved with safety if handled with care The firm is the contract for furnishing the new Capitol Building at Salem with glass and last week Mr Thomson delivered over $1000 worth on a single case of which was broken through from the original packages in a handled separately

PROGRESS CLUB —A lunch will be served at the club rooms to day from 11 o'clock A M. to the friends of the club Turkey and accompaniments will be on order

FREE LECTURE —Prof W H Chaney will lecture on the Origin of Christianity at Good Templars Hall to morrow at 7 30 P M Admission free to all

LARGE HOG —A barker displayed at Henry Carling's butcher shop from Lower Gilmore's ranch, Vancouver weighs 1411 pounds dressed.

CHRISTMAS EVE.

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PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

The entertainment at this place last evening was largely attended At the early hour of 6 P M, children and parents came flocking into the upper auditorium and soon every available seat was occupied The entertainment commenced with humorous scenes shown through a stereoscopticon and was followed by beautiful and instructive views of the Holy Land which were elaborated upon in fitting words by the Rev A L Lindsley

Really the scenes as they passed before us seemed to transport us to that far off and interesting country Thus were the young and aged not only highly entertained but all were profitably instructed and at the conclusion were promised, at an early time a full evening's participation through this popular mode of teaching The audience then adjourned to the vestry of the church, where everything was in readiness to gratify the tastes and expectations of the little folks Upon entering the room our eye caught the beaming face of Mr Wadhams, the superintendent of the Sabbath school, who was leading some 300 voices in singing songs of Zion These exercises were then followed by the ushering in of Santa Claus in his snowy robes and frosty beard A shout of welcome went up from the children's voices, and soon old Santa could boast of hosts of friends, drawn around him through the dispensation of sweet bon bons and luscious cake The entertainment was one long to be remembered and will serve to bind the cords of love more closely around the many happy hearts there assembled A merry Christmas to all

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

At 6 30 the merry ringing of the old church bell told of the gathering of the little ones and the large ones too for the Christmas festivities Although the night was unpleasant, the whole school seemed to be there and bright eyes and beaming faces spoke a 'Merry Christmas' All gathered in the audience room of the church when, after the song Singing and praising forever, prayer was offered by Gen Howard then singing followed by recitation 'The night before Christmas by Master Christmas Howard then more singing when Prof McGilvray and family, being present, rendered some of their songs to the great acceptation of all present the Drummer Song in which little Allie appeared was fully appreciated by all Then all adjourned to the vestry room where tables were spread Suddenly from a booth on one side of the room appeared old Santa Claus himself bundled in furs and ringing his bells His team he said, had been left outside, and he merely came in on his round to distribute his good gifts There was great laughing and joy and as he went up to one little boy standing 6 feet 2 (who has won legislative honors) and patted him on the head and called him "a good little boy,' there was great laughter After he had made his rounds he bid adieu saying he had many other places to visit Then all went home fully satisfied with Merry Christmas

NORTH PORTLAND M E MISSION SCHOOL

At this school North Ninth and D streets, upstairs at 4 40 were a lot of Sunday school children from 5 to 16 years of age all with excitement, and joyous in expectation At 4 45 the exercises commenced with singing by the school followed by prayer by the Superintendent F J Northrup after which there was singing and recitations and then followed the distribution of about 200 presents from the heavily laden tree and such jumping and 'Oh's and Ah's' and 'Here I am,' and Thus way, as we heard for half an hour could only come from happy hearts The teachers and officers who are so faithfully taking care of this mission school deserve commendation for their labors under many difficulties The room was nicely decorated

HALL STREET M E CHURCH

At this church a large congregation was assembled At 7 o clock the festivities commenced by singing of songs appropriate to the occasion At 7 30 o clock Santa Claus (Mr John S Stott) made his appearance, much to the delight of the little ones who seemed delighted at his handsome phiz' and droll actions. The church was beautifully decorated with evergreens and appropriate mottoes The tree (a large one reaching to the ceiling of the church) was completely loaded down with presents Arrangements were made so that every child belonging to the Sunday school received a present, thus sending every child to their respective homes with happy hearts and pleasant recollections of Christmas Eve 1875

TAYLOR STREET M E CHURCH

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NORTH PORTLAND M E MISSION SCHOOL

At this school North Ninth and D streets, upstairs at 4 40 were a lot of Sunday school children from 5 to 16 years of age all with excitement, and joyous in expectation At 4 45 the exercises commenced with singing by the school followed by prayer by the Superintendent F J Northrup after which there was singing and recitations and then followed the distribution of about 200 presents from the heavily laden tree and such jumping and 'Oh's and Ah's' and 'Here I am,' and Thus way, as we heard for half an hour could only come from happy hearts The teachers and officers who are so faithfully taking care of this mission school deserve commendation for their labors under many difficulties The room was nicely decorated

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THE MASQUERADE BALL.

In every respect the masquerade ball given last evening at Turn Hall by the order of Jolly Company was a success The number of maskers was quite large, and considering the extreme inclemency of the evening many spectators were present The large dancing room was thronged by the maskers and tripping the traditional light fantastic was indulged in from 9 to 12 o'clock About 11 30 o'clock the masks were withdrawn The music was fine and the collation splendid The several committees performed their allotted duties and guests were shown every required attention The members of the order of Jolly Company have reason for congratulations on the successful culmination of their efforts Below we present a list of the

MASKERS

Mrs Emma Baker Willamette Rose L A Austin bugler Miss Biddle rainbow Miss Lisdale hummer girl Mr G Cook guard to the King E L A Show King Christmas Plute Chas Christo monk J B Kellogg Kris Kringle J Farrow Mexican rancher Jas Farnham domino D Sands, knight Kate Herring winter O N Ridgeway, Dutch baker Mrs J B Kellogg winter Annie Kellogg drummer boy Frankie Herron, page J Zuck greenhorn J J Severance almighty dollar Henry E Ash one of the girls S Levy carpet-bagger A Jacobs, swell C W Donaldson school mistress Geo C Sears and Ward I Stevens king's guards W Bodman granger; Misses Leonard, Granger ladies C Ashly bugle boy Nettie Watts Wilson's circus boy Sheriff Jeffery Turkish officer R Dupuy Rip Van Winkle W H Butler walking gentleman, L Varwig Melton Moss J Huey, Dr C Dole Polonius C McGivney, Plantation Bitters J Bruce page, C C Phillips, Scotchish chief H Wright sailor boy Miss A Wolford Lina Betty Smith shepherdess Mr Long young lady L J Boyer, hard times H Bowen harlequin Miss Woodward German fing, Miss Woodward, dominoes H Ash one of the girls H Plummer Scotch girl I Gistle drummer girl, A. Budd, rainbow, S Selling colored dandy J Brenner gentleman W I Lightner, sword of Bunker Hill, John A Crouch, King Wilhelm and J Huey Brother Jonathan O D Miller plantation negro

THE PRIZES

Were awarded by the committee Bushwiler and Norden as follows The ladies prize for best sustained character Miss Frank Herron as page gentlemen's prize for best sustained character Capt C C Phillips as Scotish chief, comic first prize Mrs Wm I Stevens as Dame Trot, gentlemen's, Henry Hukles, as Captain Jack

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN.

PORTLAND Dec 24 1875

TO THE EDITOR OF THE OREGONIAN

Will you be kind enough to say to the party or parties who made an unceremonious visit during last night or the wee hours of this morning that the next time they honor me I wish that they would shut the doors and windows after them The house is somewhat draughty at best, but a door left open at one end and a window at full height at the other, tends to make it airy For information as to the contents of the safe in the small room down stairs, I would respectfully refer the parties to DeLashmutt & Outman Mr G W. Vaughn's business agents, who have the key, unless however, they are personally interested in the business papers therein I do not think that it would pay to make the inquiry The visitors were evidently smokers, but I am sorry to say that the *apparently* meerschaum pipe taken was imitation Upon their next visit I hope to be able to be more hospitable, and give them a warmer reception

Yours truly W H BELL,
Capt U S, U S A

AMUSEMENTS.

Herrmann the great magician, had another crowded house last evening, notwithstanding the storminess of the weather As usual, he acquitted himself in the most creditable manner His tricks were as wonderfully clever as ever and did not fail to delight the large audience. Herrmann is a decided success, and no mistake as the large audiences which he has drawn night after night abundantly attest Only two more opportunities to see Herrmann and Mlle Addie—this afternoon and night Remember the matinee performance this afternoon Every woman and child who shall attend this afternoon will receive a present This evening positively the last appearance of Herrmann and Mlle Addie Monday they will start up the valley

The McGibeny family will give the people of Oregon City a musical treat on Tuesday evening next. No music loving individual can fail to pass an enjoyable evening in listening to their entertainment

AN EXPLANATION.

PORTLAND Dec 24 1875

TO THE EDITOR OF THE OREGONIAN

Having, in several ways received hints that Rev R. Bently and myself were in a disagreement permit me to say that I intended no reflection whatever upon the M E Church and am very sorry if any such expressions I have let fall may be supposed and the excellent feeling exists between the churches or their pastors We have always been personal friends are now and I trust shall always remain such

D J FIELD Pastor Bapt Church

FIRE COURTS.

U S DISTRICT COURT IN EQUITY
FRIDAY Dec 24 1875

During the forenoon the attention of the court was occupied in hearing the case of U S vs J Montgomery

Court adjourned until next Monday

WEATHER REPORT —From the records of the U S Signal Station of Observation Portland, Oregon December 24 1875

	A M	2 P M	9 P M
Thermometer	40	51	38
Wind direction	C	S E	C
Wind velocity	0	2	0
Weather	Cloudy	Lt Snow	Lt Rain
Minimum temp			35
Rainfall			09

FOR SAN FRANCISCO —The P M S S Co's steamer *City of Panama* will leave Victoria, via Ind on Wednesday 29th inst at 7 A M Tickets can be procured at O S N Co's office Passengers will leave on steamer *Bonita* on Wednesday 29th inst at 7 A M in order to make close connection Observe advertisement

POSTOFFICE HOURS —The postoffice will be open to day from 8 to 10 A M and 5 30 to 6 30 P M The money order office will be closed all day

TAKEN ILL —Mr Addie Buchanan was taken suddenly ill yesterday at his place of business and removed by carriage to his residence

Capel's Hair and Real Scotch Plaid Dress Goods with plain materials to match at greatly reduced prices at The White House 87 First street

A MISTAKE It is quite a mistake to think by the late telegram that the Wheeler & Wilson factory was destroyed as it was but a small part of it The agent informs us that he is still able to supply this noted machine to those wishing them for holidays presents We should say so by the quantity of freight received and shipped from the Portland office

The peculiar finish of the Lonsdale Collar makes it thoroughly linen proof All first class furnishing stores sell them

There is a last day for everything and today is the last opportunity you will have this year of selecting your fine Christmas presents for your lady friends Ball is constantly on hand to drop in and see them Besides a magnificent stock of diamonds watches and jewelry which are selling cheaper than at any other place in the city

If you have not yet called in the Board of Trade and selected some of the presents you will find the best display of holiday goods at Wm Hunters

Go to Peck Cone's grocery for this week and get the New Year cards for everybody New goods per steamer to-day

Rich Black and Colored Dress Silks the largest stock in the city at extremely low rates at Lewis & Strauss White House 87 First street

The neat French China dinner and tea sets, consisting of 114 pieces of the finest quality for a crown importation Price, $35

W JACKSON & CO

BRIEFS NOTES.

The river has risen several feet during the present week

The flakes of snow which fell yesterday were unusually large.

The steamer *Marion Wilkens* now lies moored at the foot of Yamhill street.

At the Independent German School Sunday evening a Christmas tree festival will be held

The public schools of the city will take a vacation until the first Monday in January 1876

Set a man down on a redhot stove and he will rise like a phœnix from the ashes rise suddenly

A R McConnell formerly of Corvallis and later of Albany died at the insane asylum last Portland last Saturday.

Commencing to morrow evening at 6 o'clock a concert will be given at the First Congregational church The theme will be Christmas

There was an abundance of snow yesterday but with all and under we could not say it was beautiful Long before it reached Webfoot all the poetry was knocked out of it

We learn that a few days since three men fell off the wharf at Astoria two of whom were rescued by the deck hands of the *Bonita* and one drowned Nothing is known of his name or connections

The many friends of the Song Service will be glad to know that Mrs McIlbeny will again take her part in the programme on Sunday evening, at which time she will sing several choice selections

SPECIAL CHURCH NOTICES.

There will be religious services to morrow at the A M E Zion Church at 11 A M and at 7 P M By order of the pastor, Rev A B Smith

Preaching at the Baptist church at 11 A M and 7 30 P M, by the pastor The closing scientific lecture of the course will be given on Sunbeams or Where and What is Heaven' Sabbath school at 12 30 P M Prayer meeting at 6 30 P M

Taylor street Methodist church corner of Taylor and Third streets Rev R Bentley, pastor Services at 11 A M and 7 30 P M Sunday school at 1 45 P M Subject of the evening discourse 'The Epiphany Strangers are always welcome

Public worship and the preaching of the Gospel at the Presbyterian church to morrow morning and evening, by the pastor Dr Lindsley Subject of evening discourse, The Door Shut" Ushers in attendance to conduct visitors and strangers to seats

Appropriate Christmas services will be held to morrow in the Unitarian church at 11 A M and the responsive service in the evening at 7 30 At 10 A M the service of dedication by baptism will be administered to infants and young children brought for that purpose

Rev G H Atkinson will preach at the schoolhouse in McMillen's addition to East Portland on Sabbath the 26th at 11 A M The communion season will be observed The Sabbath school and Bible class will be after communion service. At 3 10 P M Mr Atkinson will preach at the Plymouth church, corner of Fourteenth and E streets East Portland, after the Sabbath school exercises

CAPITAL NOTES.

Under date of the 24th, 'Wide Awake' sends the following

Hon J R Underwood is in the city on a flying visit

The Children connected with both the Episcopal and Methodist churches will have Christmas trees this evening

A snow storm is endeavoring to get away with a genuine Webfoot mist at the present writing, with fair promise of success

Munkers & Redington have leased the Job printing office owned by the late Emmet D Williams, and are running it in their own interest

Haas & Hernandez string band have been engaged to furnish the music for the New Years ball at the Chemeketa Hotel A waltup time is anticipated

The chimney burning out at the residence of Ben Bolt was the cause of a fire alarm and the turn out of the department, about 11 o'clock this morning No damage done

The ladies of the Congregational Church will give a sociable at the residence of Hon George H Jones on Wednesday evening next The reputation of Mr and Mrs Jones as host and hostess will alone insure its success

The entertainment given at Reed's Opera House last evening by the Lewis Bros' Culmination proved a success, and was intensely enjoyed by those present They will appear again this evening with an entire change of programme

MILITARY NOTES.

A general court martial will convene at the military post of Sitka Alaska Territory Monday January 3 1876 or as soon thereafter as practicable, for the trial of such persons as may be properly brought before it The following officers are detailed for the court Major Reginald H Lowler paymaster Capt Joseph B Campbell 4th artillery Capt Edward Field 4th artillery 1st Lieut Wm R Quinton 4th artillery 1st Lieut John A Lundeen 4th artillery 1st Lieut Alexander B Dyer 4th artillery 2d Lieut Vinton A Broadbent 4th artillery 2d Lieut Charles A Williams 21st infantry judge advocate of the court No other officers than those named can be assembled without manifest injury to the service.

POLICE COURT NOTES.

Alex Hamilton and Frank Bell arrested for vagrancy cases continued till Monday

Richard Legg and John Hendrickson were each fined $5 for being drunk Both fines were paid

Schmidt assisted by Chas Abraham will serve to day 'Jon and Jerry' at the new saloon Front and Alder streets

A Christmas dinner at Fabre & Barnes will be just the thing Call and see them

W Jackson & Co are selling their elegant French China dinner and tea sets fine plated ware and everything in their line at such prices as cannot fail to please They are having a closing out sale Open in the evening

By all means call at Pabst & Roberts and inspect the late arrivals in the way of fashionable suits and cloths from which to a stylish outfit can be made by this popular firm

If you are at a loss to know what to buy for a holiday present, step in at The White House 87 First street

KOHN and who don't know Joe Kohn the popular clothier is opening every week something new for the inspection of his customers His stock will compare with any and as to prices—well everybody knows that he will to the handsome thing with those who call on him You will find him at all seasons by clerks prepared to accommodate with anything in his line Remember the house First and Morrison streets. Look at the new style overcoats just opened

The steamer *Ajax* brought an other large invoice of goods for HEGE & WAIDMAN who are offering unusual inducements to their customers supplied with the very latest styles as introduced in the San Francisco market It is really astonishing to see the immense stock carried by this house, when we consider the fact that times are dull times and people are literally disposed to hold on to coin that the legitimate goods offered at this establishment will surely tempt one to purchase Call and satisfy yourself and recollect the place First and Washington streets

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FEMININITIES.

A good wife is a good thing, but a bad husband beats her

It is not the correct thing for a gentleman to wink at a lady It is always the lady's place to wink first

Three fourths of the women of Boston dare not sneeze with their mouths open owing to their inability to hold on to their teeth

A letter from a lady to her husband 'I write you because I have nothing to do I conclude because I have nothing to say'

A man may occasionally kiss the wrong woman by mistake But when he makes a practice of it the right woman finds it out and that's what happens him

There need be no fear of a diminution of the esthetic taste so long as a woman is willing to pay $3 for a hard for her hat and discovers Thanksgiving with a corn beef dinner

The look a man gives his wife when he suddenly awakes in the morning and finds her going through his vest pockets is not a studied expression

Returned Bride—We were married just a month ago to day We went to Bawston and New Yawk and I've so many places and had a perfectly gawgeous time New Yawk's just lovely

A wife will hardly ever know whether her husband has had his hair cut or not but tell him go home with a strange hair pin sticking in his overcoat and she'll see it before he reaches the gate

A stranger kissed a Lacrosse girl by mistake and was then licked by her two brothers for being mistaken He then did hardly kissed her for being impudent

The woman is not to be discovered who when her husband is pinning expletives into the bosom of his shirt will not hotly hurriedly declare that the garment had every button on when it was put away

Said an exasperated husband 'I can't boss our establishment when my wife and I are alone and have everything my own way but when her mother is around I am not even recognized as a child older in the concern'

Theodore Thomas would fainet had he seen a young lady in a green silk ball dress yellow necktie and blue kids who called at Stein way's and said as she threw down a V 'I want two reserved seats for the Bryant's Minstrels'

A woman cured her husband of staying out late at night by going to the door when he came home and whispering through the key hole, 'Is that you, Willie?' Her husband's name is John and he stays at home every night now and sleeps with one eye open and a revolver under his pillow

Elegant Cashmere Robes in new designs at 'The White House,' Lewis & Strauss, 87 First street

Victor Volney Third street is by far the handsomest picture frame store in the town

If you want a Stylish Trimmed Hat or Bonnet go to Lewis & Strauss', 87 First street

Ladies should not fail to drop in at The White House, 87 First street, and see the beautiful novelties on exhibition for the holidays

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For the Oregonian

AN OREGON DECEMBER

The days of spirits of the early May
Still hover in the moist and balmy air
Which is favored home they seem to stay
Breathing ethereal balm and mildness there

For in the south the tardy rising sun,
Shorn of his beams uplifts his ruddy face
Having a shorter daily course to run
High mberg long and late begins his race

But still he smiles as pleasantly as when
He woke the fl wers from their long month s sleep
With old time song of spring le came again
While my pets and from your earth beds peep

The bees are buzzing round and round in vain
And seem to wonder why there are no flowers
A while ago the grass is green on hill and plain
And honeysuckle verdant on the bowers

The sprat k lmost not yet displays his white
Intrust ng flowers your streams and ly calm
No lily spreads her bells in every mantle white—
Universal earth and bl ge of Winter s reign

The distant mountains gleam like silver lights
Strong, very far away they stand
They look like sentinels upon their posts
With in the coldness of the spirit land

Old Hood lifts up on high his wrinkled face
Saint Helens shows a smoothur front of snow
And Adams like an Arab of his race
Lingers, sandy o er the darker crags below

And we know not Winter cold and dreary
Although the actual birth of Time draws near,
But fairly Autumn placid, bright and cheery,
Lingers to welcome in the new born year

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Dec 1875

AMERICAN AUTHORSHIP

In a discussion of international copyright, in Scribner's for December Dr Holland writes as follows

The history of our failure lies all around us A genius blossoms, and we throw up our hats The next thing that we hear of him is that he is at work upon a salary, getting bread for his wife and children He hardens and sours into a literary drudge, and never bears the fruit that was promised in his blossoming The rare genius Halleck spent his life in a counting room Our living Bryant who should have had a purely literary life and left, as the heritage of his country, the consummate fruits of his genius and scholarship spent his best years on a political newspaper George William Curtis gives now all the products of his strong and graceful pen to the editor's office. Stoddard a genuine genius produces very sparingly, and is giving the weight of his culture to the presentation of other authors and other lives, mostly English Stedman divides his time between the beautiful work that he loves, —the work to which nature has so generously fitted him—and the harassing cares of Wall street. Taylor who holds in his industrious and accomplished hands the materials and the power to write a better life of Goethe than ever was produced, delivered last winter his lectures, and is now editing, for the consideration that is so necessary to "keep the pot boiling." Does any one suppose that he would be doing this if he had the British market of his book secure, with the right of translation into German and French? Moses Coit Tyler who has an important history on hand, for which, in the intervals of productive toil he has long been collecting material, is plodding along upon a professor's salary at Ann Arbor Hawthorne, who, as a writer of fiction, did more for the literary fame of America abroad than any other American, was glad to accept political office that he might be sure of the bread he could not earn by his pen Emerson has probably been obliged to earn by lecturing more money than he has ever received from copying. The magazines are flooded with articles from pens that ought to beat work upon our permanent national literature, simply because money is wanted, and wanted now

It is an old, and story The experiment has been repeated *ad nauseam*, and yet American authors are blamed for writing hastily and without due preparation The question arises between writing hastily and starving. Give American authors half a chance, give them an opportunity to live, and they will do their work better Give them the markets of the world, secure a return to them from all who now steal the usufruct of their genius and their labor, relieve them from the present killing competition with books that pay no copyright, and they will do for themselves and the country what the patentees have done for themselves and the country We do not wonder that Charles Reade, with his intelligent eye upon our position, and his strong sense of equity and right, should use the most contemptuous and telling epithets that come to his hands to characterize his opponents Oppositions is so unjust, so short-sighted, so inconsiderate of the interests of a class on which the permanent fame and character of the country must depend that it may well evoke his fiercest invectives in which he may see fit to express it

Our government fosters agriculture, fosters railroads, fosters manufactures, fosters invention, fosters mining interests, fosters scientific exploration and even fosters the weather but it does not foster, it never has fostered, that great interest of authorship on which its moral and intellectual character and consideration depend Anybody can get rich but an author Anybody can realize from his labor his daily bread except an author If all the receipts from the copyright of accepted American authors should be put together and all the authors were compelled to live from it, they would not live, they would starve Is this right? Is it too much to ask of the government that it place the authorship, not only of this country, but of the world, in a position where it can have an even chance with other interests? It does not ask for the pensions accorded to useful authorship in other countries, it does not seek for grace or guerdon, it simply asks for justice and a fair chance to win for itself the return for labor which it needs and for its country the consideration due to productive genius and culture

WM B. ASTOR

HIS ESTATE GREATLY EXAGGERATED—AN ESTIMATE BY COMPETENT AUTHORITY OF $50,000,000

[From N Y Tribune]

The will of the late William B Astor has not yet been presented for probate in the surrogate's office It is expected to be a long document, such as would fill several columns of the *Tribune* There has been much speculation as to the value of the real and personal property left by Mr Astor Some of the amounts named are alleged by experienced investigators to be simply ridiculous By some the value of Mr Astor's real and personal property was placed as high as $200 000 000 while very many estimate it as not less than $150,000 000 In the obituary of Mr Astor printed in the *Tribune* the estimate of his property was given as not to exceed $50,000,000 Those whose opinions are entitled to weight say that this is probably nearer right than the larger estimates

A gentleman whose word carries weight in matters of this kind said that a fair basis on which to figure would be $15,000,000 as the minimum of real and personal property left by John Jacob Astor to his son William at the death of the former in 1848. The estate of John Jacob Astor was estimated at $20 000 000, and the bulk of it was left to William B Astor at the time of his death It would probably be much nearer $15 000 000 than $20,000 000 as the tendency was always to exaggerate the wealth of a rich man However this gentleman said allow $15 000 000 as the amount left William B Astor This amount, at six per cent interest for twenty seven years —the time which has elapsed since the death of John Jacob Astor would have added $ 4 05,000 000 to the principal making a total of $ 9 000 000 Or if the amount left William B Astor was $15,000 000 the interest at six per cent, would be $9 000 000 and a total of interest and principal of $4 050 000 The natural interest and increase in value of certain portions of the property he thought would be fairly offset by the taxes and assessments on property allowed for many years to remain unimproved, and losses of various kinds by the ugh depreciation of other portions of the real estate and securities Mr Astor was known to be a very careful man, preferring small and sure returns rather than venture risks, which might bring large returns and might result in a loss of capital invested Were it capable of demonstration, the gentleman said he would be willing to risk his reputation for careful calculation in saying that the estate was to day worth rather less than over $50 000 000

Hesperia Lodge No 35, I O O F—Meets every Friday evening at ½ o clock in Odd Fellows Temple, corner First and Alder streets. Members of the Order are invited to attend By order of N G

ADVERTISED LETTERS.

LIST OF LETTERS REMAINING IN POST office at Portland county of Multnomah Oregon Dec 25 1875 Persons calling for these letters must give the date on which they are advertised.

Ladies' List.

Allison, Mrs Margaret
Ball Maggie C
Baring Mrs Chas
Barry Miss A nn
Bird Mrs Mary
Bowlan Miss Margaret
Bowden Mrs Maranda
Campbell Mrs Elizabeth
Crimess Miss Alice
Cox Miss A
Constable Miss Sarah
Ellerson Mrs Lydia
Eligh Mrs G W
Fricas Miss Mollie
Fleck Mrs A J
Fitzpatrick Miss Mary
Fields Miss Hattie
Fuller Miss Mattie A J
Fowler Mrs Annie
Fuhr Miss Bertha
Foster Miss Marion
Gallagher Mrs A J
Gibson Miss Mary
Hang Mrs P
Hawkins Mrs Lucinda
Harrington Miss Alla M
Harvey Mrs Annie L
Hamilton Miss Emma
Hutty Hegia 2
Henry Mrs Emily
Houghton Miss Ella F
Hunter Rebecca 2
Johnson Amanda B
Jones Jennie
Kelly Mrs Margaret F
Kingsdelidit Mrs Herman
Lamar Miss Kate
Lee Mrs John J
Leighton Miss A
Limbenthaler Miss Mattie
Lyon Miss Sarah
Lyons Miss H
Mahan Ellen
Manning Mrs C
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Meredithall Mrs F
Mead Mrs I
Minor Miss J
Miller Mrs A J
Morgan Miss T
Morrise Mrs James
Mcculloughs Mrs Vincent
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Nelson Miss H G
Obertmann Mrs J
Paddleford Mrs C
Prentice Miss May
Perry Miss Anna
Perton Mrs M I
Poland Mrs S J
Rankin Mrs Jan
Riley Mrs Lucinda
Rose Mrs Kate
Richards Mrs Mary
Rusk Mrs Julia M
Smith Miss S
Smith Mrs Jane
Stansberry Mrs Sarah C
Sayles Mrs Kate
Shepherd Mrs
Taff Mrs Nellie
Vedder Mrs M
Weiland Mrs Anna la
Wallace, Miss Maggie
Wallisford Rowa
Wagener Miss F
Williams Miss Catherine
Wiggins Mrs B
Woodward Mrs Sarah C
Zeigler Mrs Lena

Gentlemen's List.

Alexander R D
Allen J P
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Anderson Scvertt sson Jas
Atkinson Edw
Bigham Wm
Balch Jas A
Bermundy M J
Bentley Beck
Bennett W L
Boyd Geo W
Borges, Herman
Briggs John
Brown M
Brooks, Mr
Burrell K N
Cadogan, Jas
Carlson, John
Carl Allen
Comical Songster
Cooke Wm A
Coleman Wm A
Clark, Rev Nelson
Clark Oliver
Clark Jos F
Chevalier A M
Deford J N
Dean C B
Dunbar Sam Bt
Dalmore Louis
Davies Andrew
Dick John
Dickinson O S
Ellerman Carl J
Engel, Fred
Foster J H
Foye Edward
Forbes O J
Gubser Geo
Gallaher Jas
Graham Wm C
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Hudson R J
Junnier John
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Johnson Theo
Key Jos
Knighton S C
Lynch, Jas
Lang, Wm
Laughry L
Loaring H B
Mayfield W I
Mahon, Thomas
Miller John H
Minard John
Millar Prof
Miller Aug F
Montgomery J M
Morrisey, Mr
Muckle Wash
Martin John H
Martin Geo H
Martin, John H
McCafferty Jno
McNicol, James
Maker A T
Nelson N
Nasmith nne Aug
Nelson Jas D
Olson Edwin
Patterson T W
Page C H
Page Must Lee
Quinpacker L
Parrish Chas
Parker John N
Rummel Jas R
Rodgers Thos A
Soper Oliver
Swift Jim
Simpson John
Silverman Chas
Sullins Thos L
Scheuldornan I
Taylor Thos
Wright Jonath n
Welch John W
Webb W R
Whitaman C P
Wooley Jacob
Worcester Horace
Worthington T A
Woodard Paul R
Warner D
Werth E Wm
White R S
Wallin A O
Wilson Geo Q
Williams G W
Zimmer W

GEORGE E COLE P M

FINANCE AND COMMERCE.

Financial.

FRIDAY EVENING Dec 24 1875

Legal Tenders in Portland—buying 87 selling 88.

Shipping Intelligence.

The steamship Ajax will sail for San Francisco at 6 o clock to morrow morning

The Br ships Abercarne, Beechwood Poonah Dovenby Prince Umberto, Dauntless and Bowden all belonging to the grain fleet, are about due

The steamship Oriflamme will sail from San Francisco for Portland at the usual hour to morrow

[BY TELEGRAPH.]

SAN FRANCISCO Dec. 24.—Arrived—Hawaiian bk W C. Parke, Nanaimo; str Granada, Panama.

Sailed—Italian bk Filippina Burrard Inlet; ship Northern Light Liverpool; brig Percy Edwards, Tahiti; schr Coluna Coos Bay

EXPORTS.

For steamship Ajax, dispatched by the O S S Co for San Francisco December 25th—12 779 sks flour 4,568 bxs apples, 167 hf bbls 106 sks and 190 bxs dried fruit 906 bbls 25 hf bbls and 8 tierces salmon 4 bales hops, 191 sks potatoes, 86 bbls pork, 4 cs smoked beef 6 cs and 7 gunnies bacon 3 cs hams 3 sks seeds 7 pkgs tares 5 bxs eggs 8 bales deer skins 1 bdl furs 6 pkgs miscellaneous nails 60 bdls hoops, 820 bdls staves and 150 bdls bbl heads

San Francisco Markets.

[BY TELEGRAPH.]

SAN FRANCISCO Dec 24—Flour—Jobbing rates for extra remain at $5 75@6 25

Wheat—Fair milling $1 65 choice shipping to arrive $1 70 fair shipping $1 67½@1 68 The Liverpool market is weaker average grades 10s2d lower

Barley—Brewing $1 10 bay feed, $1 17½@1 20 coast $1 15

Oats—$1 50@2 with over feed worth milling $2 to $2 15

WANTS,

PARTNER WANTED.

A RELIABLE MAN WITH ONE THOUSAND OR $1 00 wanted as partner in a first class hotel already furnished and doing a good business in one of the best localities in the Willamette valley being on the railroad and in the center of a large and constantly increasing trade A good pastry cook preferred For particulars address G. P., OREGONIAN office n17d2m

TO LET.

FOR RENT.

A PLEASANTLY LOCATED DWELLING HOUSE partly furnished, or unfurnished also a Piano for rent Apply to A HUPPEN d 16d (Cor Front and Madison

TO LET

A NEATLY FURNISHED FRONT ROOM southeast cor First and Third streets Enquire on the premises.

FOR SALE.

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A FOUNDRY IN THIS CITY IN COMPLETE running order with an Established Business A Dairy near Kalama—Will sell Lands Cows Farming Utensils etc just as they are

A Small Farm, near Oswego on the Willamette river

A Farm of 60 Acres near Beaverton which is mostly Beaver dot dennet land

Forty Acres of Timber Land 4 miles South of this City

A Fishery on the Columbia river It is a good stand for a country store

Block 1 Carter's Addition to Portland

The North half of Block 61 Caphs s Addition to East Portland Price $500

A Small Farm near Sherman Tamhill county

A Desirable Residence Lot on Fourth and Montgomery streets this city

Some Desirable Residence Lots in the Western portion of the City

Some Suburban Residence Blocks which are very desirable for Dairy Purposes

A Small Farm near the City suitable for a Dairy Business Property Dwelling Houses etc in abundance. For particulars see

DELASHMUTT & OATMAN
Real Estate Brokers
d25d1m

Executors' Sale.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE UNdersigned will sell at private sale the South ½ of Lots 1 and 2 in Block No 10 in the City of Portland Oregon known as CRYE'S BLOCK For terms of sale apply to

JOHN A CRAWFORD at Albany
or JOHN CATTO Portland
Executors of last Will and Testament of Wm Cree deceased

STREET CAR TICKETS

ARE SOLD IN QUANTITIES OF TWENTY OR more at FIVE CENTS EACH by

WM LEUNDER Druggist cor First & Ash streets
M A SUPPIACH Druggist cor First & Oak streets
S G SKIDMORE Druggist First bet Alder and Morrison streets
J K GILL & CO First st bet Washington & Stark
S A STANSBERRY cor First and Madison streets

And at the COMPANY'S OFFICE Rooms Railroad Building d1d1m

Field, Flower & Garden Seeds.

NEW STOCK JUST RECEIVED

FRUIT AND ORNAMENTAL TREES,

Of all descriptions

WHALE OIL and CARBOLIC SOAP for destroying Insects. Also Trellises, Flowerpots stands etc Send for Catalogue

HACHENEY & STEMMK, Grocers,
First and Taylor sts, Portland Or

Ordinance No. 1713.

AN ORDINANCE TO IMPOSE AND REGULATE Licenses

The City of Portland does ordain as follows

Section 1 That from and after the first day of January 1876 there shall be paid at the times and in the manner described by Ordinance No 1491 entitled An Ordinance to regulate the manner of issuing licenses for each license granted the sum hereinafter stated respectively

Section 2 Auctioneers who follow their vocation in the day or night time only shall pay a quarterly license of forty dollars or five dollars per day Auctioneers who follow their vocation day and night time shall pay a quarterly license of seventy five dollars Every person shall be deemed an auctioneer within the meaning of this Ordinance who solicits business to offer property for sale at public outcry

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CHRISTMAS COMING

Feathery flakes are dancing, dancing
In the gray noon's frosty gleam
Hither they fly, reindeer prancing,
Bring the gusts us of our dream—
From the bright land of the Elf king
Where the bon bons gaily grow
Just like sweets of summer gardens
When the tulips sudlie blow

Feathery flakes are falling, falling
From the skies in softest way
And between are voices calling
"Soon it will be Christmas Day"
Don't you know how in the spring time
Wintry snows are scattered wide,
So the lovely purple blossoms
Dare to peep from where they hide?

Feathery flakes are sifting, sifting
Through the chill December air—
Here and there and yonder drifting
Making everything more fair
Laying whiter folds than linen
On the houses and the trees,
Softer than the richest damask
Spread our dainty guests to please

Soon the bon bons will be falling
As the flakes have fallen to-day
And the children will be calling
"To their beds as fast so gay
Ah! we know when came the snow flakes
Then would come dear santa Claus
For we always you remember)
Know the wind's way by the straws.

Soon the trees, as fair as any
That the elves have wreathed with snow
Will be planted—oh so many
In our many homes—and lo!
Something better far than snow flakes
Shall be hung about their green—
Candles toys and fairy tapers
Lighting up the merry scene.

And the children dancing dancing
Till all tired their little feet,
Speak, with half-shut eyes upglancing,
Wonder, "Why is life so sweet?"
And some tender voice shall whisper
Flake like falling from above—
"Christmas is so sweet, my darling
Just because its king is Love"

—*Mary B Dodge*

CHRISTMAS

[From Harper's Bazar.]

It would truly seem that peace and good will were indeed rung in with the Christmas chimes, since does not every one's heart expand and every one's purse fly open at this auspicious season, and do not smiles and good humor prevail, and a wholesome desire that nobody shall miss a Christmas box or dinner, but that all shall partake of the general rejoicing and good cheer? What appeals more readily to the sympathies than a child with an empty stocking, or a family at a scantily furnished board that sends up no smoking savors? Who does not recall the image of Cosette placing her clumsy shoe in the chimney-corner with a twinkle at the heart-strings? And does not every kindly housekeeper in the land measure out her plums and suet with a view to some pensioners on her bounty, and feel a sense of thankfulness that she may render their cup less bitter on one day of the year?

Without the door let sorrow lie
And if for cold it hap to die
We'll bury it in a Christmas pie
And everymore be merry

Sang the old poet, and does not every one put care and complaint as far outside the door as may be on this occasion, and hide old grudges under the holly, and strive to wear a holiday face in spite of Fate? Is there any record of a den on Christmas-day, and would not misfortune seem doubly cruel at this time, and is not happiness more imperative?

What a halo encircles Christmas-eve! "when stockings are hung by the chimney with care," and Christmas-trees spring up, like Jack's bean-stalk, in a single night, and dreams are haunted by Santa Claus and his reindeer, and the ancient superstition declares that at twelve o'clock even the oxen in their stalls are all to be found on their knees, and

The bird of dawning singeth all night long.

The very name is melodious with hymns and carols of centuries, and picturesque with the customs of every Christian nation—the little German children hurrying to church, each with her lighted taper, the minstrels who sing their carols before the carpenters' shops in the streets of Rome, the representations of the Holy family in the Catholic churches, the habit of decorating nave and chancel, derived though it be from heathendom, the practice of kissing under the mistletoe, familiar in many an English kitchen—all conspire to make the night shine as no other night ever shone The habit of making gifts is likewise supposed to be a relic of Pagan rites celebrating the birth of Sol, but why may we not rather presume that the Christmas present is a commemoration of the gold, frankincense, and myrrh with which the inspired Wise Men followed the star in the East, and in memory of which little dough men were formerly presented to their customers by the bakers? Christmas-eve is essentially the children's night, an inheritance from the Babe "whose birth-place was a manger," and all over the land is repeated the drama of their lovers hurrying to lay offerings at their feet, for them the Christmas-tree puts forth its buds, for them Santa Claus springs into being, full statured Who does not keep half a score of such nights, from the experience of one's own childhood, embalmed in the memory, fragrant of evergreen boughs, when one seemed to be living in a delightful world of mystery on the verge of fairy-land, when even the avenues of days leading up to the precious season, a *via sacra*, was paved with good intentions, self-sacrifice, and patient industry picking its finger? What a charm there was in saving pennies at that period! what ecstacy in spending them! Does not the fire burn brighter to childish eyes on that night, and the stars seem to linger in their course, and Jack Frost overdo himself in the matter of wreaths and fantastic etchings? For indeed the ideal Christmas weather should be tingling, the fields draped in their shining ermine the leafless branches fringed with crystals, the pans painted with frost and fern the wind bitter without, the better to accentuate warmth and cheerfulness within Imagine a Christmas with roses blooming over the porch, windows open, and festive people playing croquet on the lawn, and let us thank our stars that we were born in the North-land, yet quite as odd would it appear to us to be set down in Paris on Christmas-day, where, though on other fete days the shop-keepers are fined if they do not close their stores, and though it is put down as a holiday in their calendar, and though France is a Catholic country we should find the shops driving a lively trade, everybody haggling and working and pushing as usual, nobody true, no Christmas hush in the air, no Christmas bells no odor of plum-pudding —the French entertaining an unaccountable prejudice against that great symbol of holiday fare—and no Christmas chants resounding through the churches, which celebrate high mass only on the eve, before a showily adorned altar—all of which would seem as unnatural to us, doubtless as the old custom, in some churches, of holding this festival in May or April.

The announcement is made that George Bancroft will write four more volumes of American history The phraseology of the announcement however, is rather obscure. The first volume, which is soon to be issued will comprehend the period between the peace of Paris, 1782 to the inauguration of Washington 1789 The epochs with which Mr Bancroft will deal after the first volume are First, from the inauguration of Washington to the consolidation of the Union by the acquisition of Louisiana—1789-1803 second vindication of the place of the United States among the Powers of the world—1803-1815 third the States and the United States—1815-1837 fourth the annexation of Texas and California—1837-1849 fifth secession and Union from 1849—*N Y Herald*

A KING SOLOMON WANTED—A mysterious basket, addressed to the station master at Clayhanger Junction, on being opened, was found to contain a living child The station master declined the gift a porter volunteered to accept it and took the basket and child On lifting the child £800 was found in the basket. The story goes that the station master then demanded the basket and its contents, which the porter very properly refused to give up. One can hardly doubt to which of the two the mother would intrust her child—*London Times.*

GRAINS OF GOLD

The bread of life is love, the salt of life is work the sweetness of life poetry the water of life faith

The seeds of love can never grow but under the warm and genial influence of kind feeling and affectionate manners

Wit loses its respect with the good when seen in company with Malice, and to smile at a jest which plants a thorn in another's breast is to become a principal in the mischief.

"What will people say?" This question makes the mind homeless Do right, and fear no one You may be sure with all consideration for the world, you will never satisfy the world

I think it is the most beautiful and humane thing in the world so to mingle gravity with pleasure that the one may not sink into melancholy and the other rise up into wantonness—*Penn*

The courage we desire and prize is not the courage to die decently but to live manfully This—when, by God's grace it has been given—lies deep in the soul like a mortal heat, it fosters all other virtues and gifts Without it they could not live

No man is nobler than another, unless he is born with better abilities and a more amiable disposition They who make such a parade with their family pictures and pedigrees are, properly speaking rather to be called noted, or notorious, than noble persons

God demands greatness of us all and not goodness merely There is not a person so humble or so feebly gifted that the call is not to him or her If we have few qualities that can influence, and but a narrow sphere to fill, still we have ourselves to develop and ourselves to rule.—*Starr King*

As a general rule, it is better to take little notice of foolish, or even of malignant gossip Let it alone By and by those who go about retailing such stuff will grow weary, if not ashamed, perhaps they will feel disgust at their own baseness If they are not noticed, they will sink out of sight

IS THERE A PORTRAIT OF POCAHONTAS?—There has been among the descendants of the Indian Princess a considerable interest respecting a veritable portrait of her A gentleman of this city has for several months been conducting a correspondence with gentlemen in England on this subject, and there is reason to believe that there are several portraits still extant which are authentic, and that an original of a "true copy" may be obtained for our gallery of historic Virginians There is no doubt that a portrait was taken of Pocahontas when in England, and it is natural to suppose that the original, or a copy thereof, may be in possession of the Rolfe family, of which Pocahontas' husband was a cadet The last advice from England is that there is still extant a portrait of the Princess and her son —*Richmond Enquirer*

A QUEER PROCEEDING

Under the above caption the San Francisco *Bulletin* says.

A couple of weeks ago, nearly two hundred persons of both sexes and all ages, found a watery grave on the northern coast There are a large number of questions unsolved with reference to that terrible catastrophe The captain of the foundered steamer was strangely inactive in the crisis upon which so many lives depended. But he has gone to his last account, and there is nothing to be done with reference to him or his officers The captain of the ship *Orpheus* has been charged with a lack of seamanship and humanity He is alive and should be confronted with his accusers There is the still further allegation that the steamer *Pacific* was not seaworthy These questions are canvassed not in any spirit of vengeance, but for the purpose of preventing if possible, the recurrence of such horrors The character of the steamship is the main factor in the problem If she were unfit to go to sea, the Government officers whose duty it is to inspect hulls and boilers are the guilty parties If they were remiss in relation to the *Pacific* they will be equally remiss as to other vessels and there will be no security for those who take passage on coasting steamers

These functionaries are now conducting an investigation of the disaster, with closed doors They are, in a sense, trying themselves and doing it in a secret manner If they do not arrive at conclusions quite different in some respects from those of the Victoria jury, it will be one the strangest cases on record. Yet the steamer which foundered in a collision with a sailing vessel could not have been a very staunch craft. The general rule in nearly all accidents of such a nature is that the ship which is struck goes down and not the striking steamer But even if the officers making the investigation were not themselves interested it would be a very strange thing to have so grave a matter as the loss of 200 lives made the subject of a private inquiry The public have a right not only to know all that is going on, but to be placed in a position to judge of the good faith and honesty of the process

It is not merely the surviving relatives and friends of the lost who are interested in this matter, but the whole community There is no person who is not directly concerned that no more unskilful captains should be employed in our coasting trade—that no more unsound vessels of any description be allowed to leave port for the tempestuous voyage especially northwards, and that no parsimony should be tolerated in the proper navigation of them For no person can tell how soon he may himself be called upon to take such a voyage and be confronted with all the dread possibilities which are here briefly set forth

THOU AND I.

Strange, strange for thee and me
Sadly afar
Thou safe beyond above
I neath the star
Thou where flowers deathless spring
I where they fade
Thou to God's paradise
I mid the shade
Thou where each gale breathes balm
I tempest-tossed
Thou where true joy is found
I where tis lost.
Thou counting ages thine
I not the morrow
Thou bearing wreath of bliss
I more of sorrow
Thou in eternal peace
I mid earth's strife
Thou whom care hath no name
I where tis life
Thou without need of hope
I where tis vain
Thou with wings dripping light
I with time's chain.
Strange strange for thee and me
Loved loving ever
Thou by life's deathless tide
I near death's river
Thou winning wisdom's lore
I strength to trust
Thou mid the seraph throng
I in the dust. —*Hartford Times*

DIPHTHERIA

It is sufficiently well established that diphtheria originates at least in very many instances from defective drainage and sewer gas The poisoned air and polluted water which are the concealed causes of typhoid fever are equally fatal to develop diphtheria The most obvious precautions against the disease are then, to avoid damp and badly drained localities and to protect our homes from sewer gas

Diphtheria is not a difficult disease to combat when it is treated in time The first active feature of it is the formation of a false membrane in the throat This makes its appearance in nearly all cases in the shape of grayish brown patches and it is hence of the utmost importance to watch closely the throats of children who are apparently ill with cold and sore throat Usually there is fever and prostration in the early stages of the disease though in rare instances the false membrane is formed suddenly and almost without warning If the throats of all children are frequently examined there will be little danger that parents will mistake a patient diphtheria for an ordinary cold Scores of children have died of diphtheria who would undoubtedly be now alive had the grayish brown patches in the throat been discovered at their first appearance and a competent physician been promptly summoned

Col D G Bush of Bellefonte has faith in the third term He has sold a house and lot for $2 000 the purchase money to be paid when Grant is inaugurated President for a third term, and not before

HINTS FOR THE FAMILY

THINGS NOT GENERALLY KNOWN

In selecting poultry and game the eyes should be bright and the feet supple Otherwise they are either diseased or stale

Equal proportions of turpentine, linseed oil, and vinegar, thoroughly applied and then rubbed with flannel, is an excellent furniture varnish

Roasted coffee is one of the most powerful means not only of rendering animal and vegetable effluvia innocuous, but, it is also said of actually destroying them

At this season of colds, it may be useful to know that hoarseness is relieved by using the white of an egg thoroughly beaten, mixed with lemon juice and sugar A teaspoonful taken occasionally is the dose.

If a glass stopper wont move, hold the neck of the bottle to a flame, or warm it by taking two turns of a string and sawing it The heat engendered expands the neck of the bottle before a corresponding expansion reaches the stopper

A table spoonful of ammonia in one gallon of warm water will often restore the color of carpets even if dissolved by acid or alkali If a ceiling has been whitewashed, with the carpet down and a few drops should fall this will remove it Or if the carpet is well beaten and brushed scour with ox gall which will not only extract grease but freshen the colors One gill of gall in three gallons of warm water will do a large carpet Table and floor oil-cloths may be thus washed The suds left from a wash, when ammonia is used, even if almost cold, cleanse these new floor cloths well

It often happens that black calico and other printed goods which have a white pattern on a black ground will not bear washing unless some precautions are taken to prevent running, or in other words the white spots acquire a reddish color and the black ground becomes dull and fozy This can be avoided by the following method Dissolve two ounces of red chromate of potash three ounces of common salt, and two and a half ounces of sal soda in a washboiler full of water heated to the boiling point Put the dress into this hot bath for five minutes, and frequently turn and stir it Then wash it thoroughly in clean water There will be no further danger of discoloration, and the white portions of the goods will appear perfectly bright and clear

There is no life more exhausting and destructive to beauty than that of a belle in society It is not pleasant to say so, yet it is true, that the faces of many of the young ladies in our large cities are ugly before their time Months of incessant dissipation, round dances, late suppers, nights turned into day, all tell their story in the havoc they make in the fresh tints and rounded outlines of youth There are young women under twenty-five the daughters of parents in high position—young ladies who flourish in every society columns as belles of course—elegant accomplished, and beautiful who walk the streets ronged to their eye lashes with close mask veils through which no one can trace the ravages made—not by time—but by a life of exhausting and unhealthy excitement

Rice is inferior in nutritious qualities to wheaten flour, and should by no means be depended on as a main constituent of the dietary of infants, but may supply an agreeable change, especially when the bowels are in a relaxed condition It has been a favorite food for children ever since its first introduction, and is recommended by many of the earliest English writers on the management of infants and children Every nurse has her own formula for the preparation of rice foods The following is a very good one Take two table spoonfuls of the best rice and soak for an hour in cold water Pour away this water and then macerate and gently simmer the rice in a quart of water for two or three hours Strain through a fine sieve, and add warm milk, with a little loaf sugar and a few grains of salt.

THE LITTLE PEOPLE

A boy having been told "that a reptile was an animal that creeps," on being asked to name one on examination day promptly and triumphantly replied, "A baby"

Reading the great Spurgeon's declaration that a cigar is a thing to thank God for, a school boy in Rome bought a cigar He was afterward seen hanging over a fence but he was not giving thanks

A Sunday-school teacher remarked "You must recollect that all I am telling you happened one thousand eight hundred and seventy five years ago" "Lor miss how the time do ship away," was little Sallie's comment

A Sabbath school teacher, desirous of waking the dormant powers of a scholar, asked the question, "What are we taught by the historic incident of Jacob?" The cautious reply came "Dunno, 'zactly, but I 'spose twas to tell us that we mustn't run off"

A little boy was recently presented with a toy trumpet, to which he became greatly attached One night, when he was about to be placed in his "little bed" and was ready to say his prayers, he handed the trumpet to his grandmother, saying "Here, grandma you blow while I pray"

A little fellow, five or six years old who had been wearing undershirts much too small for him was one day, after being washed put into a garment as much too large as the other had been too small. One six year old shrugged his shoulders, shook himself walked around and finally burst out with "Ma, I do feel awful lonesome in this shirt"

At one of the Brooklyn theatres recently, there was an infant phenomenon four years old who was under an engagement to act the part of Spring in a fairy play All went well up to the last rehearsal when baby being called upon to step through her part refused in these terms "I done dat enough I done dat every day I wanted home" No arguments, threats or persuasions could move that correct infant mind She had done dat enough, and when the time came for the evening performance she was of the same opinion and as none but more tractable child was hurriedly prepared for the work.

CURIOUS TYPOGRAPHICAL ERROR—A New York paper says the Newburyport *Herald* published an illustration of Comin Thro the Rye and blunders into what we presume as the popular misconception of the duty of a lassie and lassie meeting and kissing in a field of grain The lines

If a body meet a body
Coming through the rye
And a body kiss a body
Need a body cry
Every lassie has her laddie
Some laugh for joy and some for spite
So why should you and I be single
When we can marry quite

seem to imply that traversing the rye was a habitual or common thing, but what in the name of the Devil Agricultural Society could be the benefit of ploughing down a crop of grain in the style The song proper should be sung in some wheat field as it is the custom in Great Britain and Ireland to plough under the stubble in order to fertilize the soil for the next crop The truth is the twenty-fourth verse of the song should be sung in the rye field which being trodden down by the feet of the lovers would make a bed for them to lie on and the mother's call would fall on deaf ears from the fact that she could not be heard for the noise of the reapers engaged in cutting the grain Our attorney will see that this is the true explanation of the word rye and will publish a ballad in which the lovers shall be made to lie in the rye

If crops were less reckless, there would be less wrecks

For the Oregonian

PROUD COLUMBIA

BY WALLACE MERCER.

When the chilling snow of winter
Lies with its ghostly white
All the leafless in their weakness,
All the mountains in their might
Where among the rocky fastness
Roams the grizzly bear at will
There, in blushing maiden beauty
Young Columbia waters still
From its fountain
In the mountain
Leaps the water into sight
Bowling laughing
Anon sparkling
Like a diamond in the light

Down the mountain gleams a rushing,
Leaping over the cliffs in cadence,
Gaining strength at every curve on
All impediments she mocks
Laughing now to kiss the rare lilies
Hanging over her deep bed
Starting off again in wild mood
On her maniacal race
Noble river
Time has never
Left a scar on thy broad breast
Full of gladness
If we can gather
Ever may thy waters rest?

Through the valley now I wander
Side by side I glide
Nodding the grassy meadows
Freshening, the thirsty kine
Bearing on fleet steam vessels
Children of her in their pride—
Rolling ever to the ocean
Mighty parent, hear while I
Of thy goodness
Ask I thy madness,
Of thy manhood glee
Of thy power
And thy dower,
Proud Columbia proud river we

Where the blue Pacific gleams
Plunder in their ruthless system
Where the occident tall athletes
Cast their glories on the scene
There amid old nature's grandeur
There amid the grand sublime,
I and Columbia join the music
With the ocean's ceaseless rhyme
Grand old river,
Rolling ever
Onward to the ocean wide
Time may sever
But we never
Shall forget thy mighty tide.

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HUMOROUS

As the days grow short the gas bills grow long

The dentist's epitaph— He is filling his last cavity

The best ax in the world—The Acts of the Apostles

Miss Braddon is about to write a novel entitled Dead Men's Shoes It will be her "last" work, of course

Was not her death quite sudden?" asked a condoling friend of a bereaved widower "Well, yes rather, for her"

An exchange says "Barnum pays his new bullo nist $300 per day" And even with such a good salary that man is liable to "go up"—*Danbury News*

A Brooklyn girl is engaged to be married to an Italian Count, and in the course of four or five years she may be looked for on the street with a hand-organ playing the usual tunes

Why is the letter R very unfortunate? Because it is always in trouble wretchedness and misery, it is the beginning of riot and ruin, and is never found in peace, in no ence or love.

My son,' said a stern parent to a seven-year old hopeful 'I must discipline you Your teacher says you are the worst boy in the school' "Well papa, was that reply, only yesterday she said I was just like my father"

A man in Keokuk was kicked by a mule, the other day and badly injured When some of those who went to his assistance proposed taking him to a pharmacy he faintly exclaimed, 'Pharmacy take me anywhere out of the reach of the mule"

John Henry had a quest to dinner the other day, and during a pause in the conversation the infant terrible spoke up I wish I was you" Do you little boy, and why do you wish you were me?" Cos you don't get your ear pinched when you eat pickles with your knife"

'Tom, why did you not marry Lucy'' 'O, she had a sort of hesitation in her speech, and so I left her' 'A hesitation in her speech! I never heard of that before. Are you not mistaken?' 'No, not at all, for when I asked her if she would marry me, she hesitated to say yes—so I cut her for another girl'

The little Hartford girl who gave utterance to the following idea was puzzling her mind with a problem that has bothered the world for ages She was reproved for some childish act, and seating herself on the floor at her mother's feet, reflecting for a long time and then looking up said Ma! Why is it that naughty things are so nice?"

The following anecdote is told of John Philpot Curran In his last illness he was very restless and unable to sleep His physician gave him a strong sleeping draught, and after he had taken it said to him, There Mr Curran, now you will sleep like a top' Ah,' said Curran, I know, just as usual—keep on turning round and round

ASIATIC POPULATION

The details of the most regular census of India ever taken (in 1872) have just been printed in the English papers, and contain many interesting facts One of the most astounding features of the census is the imposition of the population Although British India has an area of but 1 450 744 square miles or about one third the area of the United States it has a population of 238 850 958 or nearly six times that of the United States The populations of the principal cities are as follows Calcutta 895 000, Bombay 644 000 Madras 398 000 and Lucknow, 285 000 The religious census is as follows Hindoos and Sikhs 140 500 000 Mahometans 40 750 000 Buddhists Jews Parsees and Christians 9 250,000

The density of this population is something very remarkable How small a figure we cut in the world may be estimated in considering these tremendous Asiatic populations Adding the population of those provinces not under British control in India, the entire population of the country is 255 076 846 China has 4.25 213 175 Japan 34 897 Ceylon 2 128 894 Java 17 208 200 Persia 4 400 000 and Siam 11,800,000 or a total in those countries of 778,714,970 people occupying an area of 8 505 765 square miles—not quite twice the area of the United States The United States has an area of 3 603 844 square miles inhabited by about 40 000 000 people while these Asiatic countries have a population almost twenty times as large upon an area not twice as large Japan corresponds most nearly to the United States in population having 32 794 809, against our 40,000 000 in round numbers but while the area of the United States is 3 603 844 square miles that of Japan is only 156 104 square miles, averaging, 209 per square mile while our average is but 11 to the square mile This density of population prevails in all the Asiatic countries except Persia being 87 to the square mile in Ceylon 363 in China 301 in India 357 in Java 1 in Siam In Persia where the population is the only declining the average is but 7 to the square mile

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